GRACE, WHAT IT IS AND WHAT IT IS FOR.

Heb.4:16 Let us therefore draw near with boldness unto the throne of grace that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in time of need.

INTRO: Before considering "Grace" we must first realize

1. That God is holy
2. That God is love
3. That man is created in the image of God.
4. That man is sinful
   a. The fact of sin
      Bible, history, literature, law
   b. Evil comes out of the human heart
      owl, peacock, goat, hog, serpent.

THE UTTER UNWORTHYNESS OF MAN BEFORE GOD.
Not worthlessness but unworthyness.

A. What Grace Is.

I. Definition- Grace is the gift of God's love to the undeserving.
   a. Free and without price to us.
   b. But it costs God everything.

II. Grace compared to Law.

1. Fifth grade.....Sixth grade
2. Pianola. .....Pianist
3. Father toward wayward son.....
   mother and wife toward him.
4. God-Past-Death.....God-Past-Eternal Life

III. Homan law and grace compared with God's law and grace.

1. Jesus the innocent condemned---Barabas the guilty set free.
2. 30 days pay't....God cancels the debt.
3. Insolvent contractor. Plymouth Cong. Church in Cleveland, Ohio paid the men their wages.

IV. Growth in Grace.

a. Growth and cultivation developes and intensifies the nature that is already there. A bittee orange cultivated becomes more bitter.
2. Grace grafts on a new nature and cultivates it to bring forth the fruits of righteousness.

B. What Grace Is For.

I. For the salvation of the undeserving sinner.

1. Not innocence restored but forgiveness granted
2. Burden of guilt removed, the man reinstated in God's favor, the processes of deterioration and death stopt, giving way to the new birth and the new life.

II. For the daily help of the saved.

Grace sufficient for all our needs.

CONCLUSION:

Come boldly!

Dog and master at table. The dog refused to touch the plateful.